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Dear Jake, [REDACTED]

I was happy to receive your letter of 5 January and I'm even happier to be able to write that the program for the Soviet lectures appears fine from our point of view. The man whom we are sending is [REDACTED] He worked for about three years in our Soviet foreign policy office, spent last year at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and is now one of our specialists in Soviet internal affairs. He, therefore, will be able to lecture on internal politics, answer questions on foreign policy, and deal with this subject in your international relations seminar, which we figure would be more interested in foreign policy than in internal affairs. The only thing we would suggest as a change is that [REDACTED] remain at Auburn for two and one half days instead of one and a half. In that way he would not have to give two talks on any one day. We suggest that he arrive in the afternoon for the Pi Sigma Alpha meeting. The next day could either be a morning lecture and then the afternoon seminar, or two lectures. The following day would be the reverse of the first day.

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One thing we do object to is a lecture advertised and open to the general public. A large classroom seating 100 or more is fine, but we do ask that the audience be limited to interested students enrolled in the university.

On the question of [REDACTED] CIA connection, we are not attempting to hide his affiliation with the agency in any way. We do feel, however, that you have asked for him as a Soviet specialist and, therefore, the classroom work should be limited to this subject, including questions during the question and answer period. We realize, however, that the students will be interested in CIA and

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employment there and we have no objection to individuals coming up after class or in a social situation to discuss the agency informally with him. He will, of course, determine what questions he is free to answer. What we are trying to avoid is any indication that we are sending [redacted] to Auburn to do public relations work for CIA and to shield him from being asked questions in public forum that are only meant to embarrass him as a representative of CIA. We are sure that you and [redacted] can work out the method of handling this subject when he arrives.

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The dates that you suggest are fine and he could either arrive on the 5th and stay the 6th and 7th, or arrive on the 6th and stay the 7th and 8th. Please let us know your preference in this matter and whether the above arrangements meet with your approval.

I will be answering your questions on Yugoslavia in a separate letter.

Best regards,

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